

FISHING

There are two ponds and various branches of Carvers Creek that anglers may fish. Access to all fishing areas are on foot, bicycle or horseback. At this time, there is no vehicle access to fishing areas. As the park continues to be developed we hope to provide vehicle and wheelchair access to fishing areas. All plants and animals in the park are protected; harming or removing them is prohibited. Sport fish are the only exception. A N.C. fishing license is required and anglers must obey the fishing regulations of the N.C. Wildlife Commission.

NATURE VIEWING

There are many opportunities to view nature here at the park. Open areas are wonderful for viewing birds and insects. In the wooded areas, you may see fox squirrels and a variety of woodpeckers. The federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker call our forests home. In the ponds you will likely see many species of frogs and turtles. Write down or take photos of species that you see and share them with us by emailing carvers.creek@ncparks.gov.

LONG VALLEY FARM



Carvers Creek State Park has another access area located at 2505 Long Valley Road in Spring Lake, NC. It is a 15 minute drive from here off of E. Manchester Road. The Welcome Center and the Rockefeller House are located at the Long Valley Farm Access. You will also find opportunities for hiking, fishing, picnicking, nature watching, and environmental education there.

NATURE'S CLASSROOM

Park Rangers conduct a variety of educational and interpretive programs about Carvers Creek's natural resources and history. Check calendars posted at this trailhead or our website, www.ncparks.gov, for upcoming programs. Rangers also present outreach programs to local schools and civic groups. For more information, visit us at the park Welcome Center.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- The removal or disturbance of any plant, animal, rock or artifact is prohibited.
- Firearms are prohibited except by proper concealed handgun permit.
- North Carolina state parks are wildlife preserves. Hunting and trapping are not permitted.
- Fishing regulations of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and N.C. Marine Fisheries apply in the park.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- "Pack-in, Pack-out": There are no trash cans located along the trails. There is a large trash can located by the bathroom at the parking lot. Please recycle!
- North Carolina motor vehicle and traffic laws apply in the park.
- Pets must be on an attended leash no longer than 6 feet.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

- Stay on marked trails. It can be easy to get lost.
- Ticks, mosquitoes, chiggers and other biting insects are present in the park. Insect repellent is strongly recommended.
- Venomous snakes and poisonous plants are present in the park. Be alert.
- Pay attention to the weather forecast. Storms are especially common in the summer months.
- Many structures in the park are old and may be unstable. Please do not enter the structures.

EMERGENCIES

Emergencies 911	Welcome Center: 910-436-4681	After hours: 910-391-0522
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Cape Fear Valley Hospital - 910-615-4000

1638 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304

Directions to the hospital: From the parking lot turn onto McCloskey road, turn right onto HWY 401. Get on NC 295 South and travel 2.9 miles. Take the All-American Freeway to Owen Drive and continue for 1 mile. The hospital will be on your right.

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Carvers Creek State Park SANDHILLS ACCESS

995 McCloskey Rd. Fayetteville, NC 28311



Park Information

Park Hours

November – February	8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
March – May	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
June – August	8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
September – October	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day	

Welcome Center Hours

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Contact Information:

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www.ncparks.gov



N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation
Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources
1615 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699
919-707-9300

WELCOME!

Carvers Creek's Sandhills Access offers seven trails equaling 10.4 miles. All the trails wind through Longleaf pine forests with lovely, open views through wiregrass understory with gentle to moderate changes in elevation. There are two creek crossings, two ponds, and wetland areas where hardwood trees and evergreen shrubs dominate. Wildflowers can be seen along the trails at different times of the year. It is important to know that there are rare and endangered species of plants and animals that only live within the Longleaf pine forest ecosystem. Staying on the trails is the best way to avoid disturbing them.



TRAILS

"Wheels Yield to Hooves and Heels." All trails are for use by hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders. Hikers must yield to horseback riders and bicyclists must yield to both hikers and horseback riders by stopping and moving to the side of the trail. See the "Share the Trail" sign for more information on how to help all user groups enjoy our trails. Motor vehicles are not allowed on any of these trails including any type of off-road vehicles such as ATVs, motorcycles, or dirt bikes. If you see anyone violating this rule please call the on-duty park ranger at 910-391-0522.

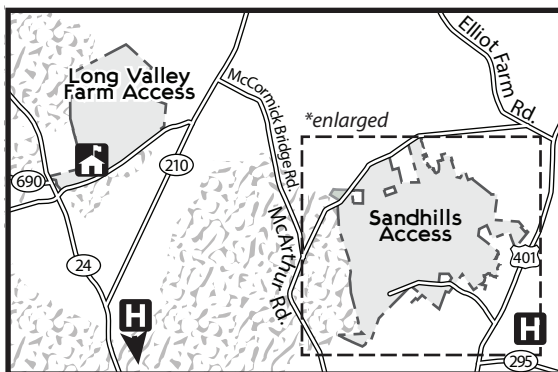
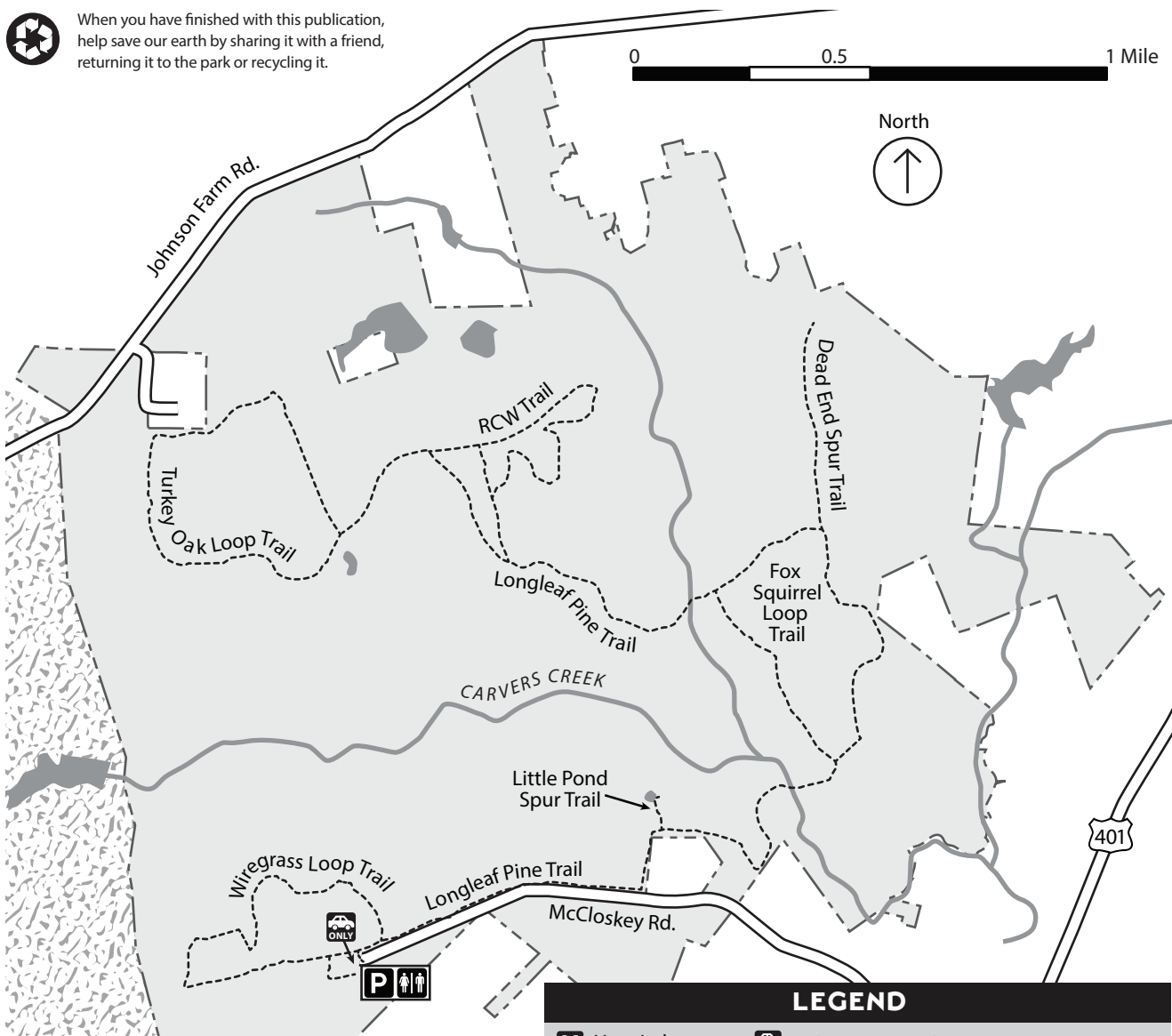
Find Your Way. By following blazes of different shapes and colors placed on trees along the trails you can go a distance you are comfortable with and not get lost. There are many miles of unmarked fire lines and old roads throughout the park. We recommend you avoid unmarked roads and stay on marked trails. The trails that are marked with triangles are out-and-back trails and the trails marked with a hexagon are loop trails.

The Longleaf Pine trail is the main trail and it begins at this trailhead. It is the only trail in and out of the park. It is 4 miles long one way, and all the other trails branch off this trail. Follow the white triangle blazes. If the white triangles are on your right side, you are heading inside the park and if the white triangles are on your left, you are returning to this trailhead and parking lot.

Hiking one mile in 20 minutes is a leisurely pace. Judge your time wisely to enjoy your hike. Exit before park closing hours.



When you have finished with this publication, help save our earth by sharing it with a friend, returning it to the park or recycling it.



LEGEND

H Hospital	Parking – Car only	Roads
Park Boundary	Restroom	Water
P Parking	Trails	Welcome Center

TRAIL LEGEND

Longleaf Pine Trail	4 miles		white	easy
Wire Grass Loop	1.4 miles		blue	easy
Little Pond Spur	0.1 mile		blue	easy
Fox Squirrel Loop	1.1 miles		yellow	easy
Dead End Spur	0.6 mile		yellow	easy
RCW Loop	1.5 miles		orange	easy
Turkey Oak Loop	1.7 miles		white	easy